## **Tox Drops locations**



DPW oprates a free household hazardous waste disposal program known as Tox Drops which collects used motor oil. Visit one of our three convenient collection sites for year-round disposal:

- Trader's Point 7400 N. Lafayette Road 9:00 am - 2:00 pm First and third Saturday of each month
- IPD Training Facility 10th and Post Road 9:00 am - 2:00 pm First and third Saturday of each month
- Perry Township Government Center 4925 Shelby Street 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Second and fourth Saturday of each month

Materials may also be dropped off on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am -11:00 am at our Belmont Avenue Collection Facility located at 2700 S. Belmont Avenue. No appointment necessary.

All sites are closed on fifth Saturdays and holiday weekends.

City of Indianapolis **Department of Public Works** 

Office of Environmental Services 2700 S. Belmont Avenue Indianapolis, Indiana 46221

Main phone: 317-327-4000 Fax: 317-327-4954 **Customer Service: 317-327-4622** 

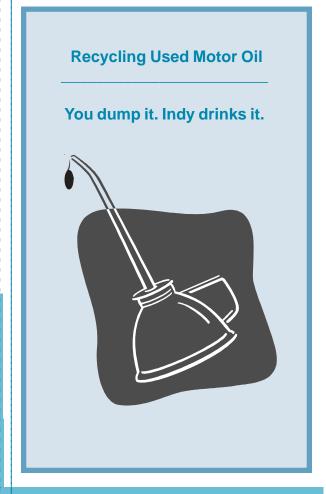
> For more information on **Tox Drops:** Call 327-4TOX (4869)



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## Why recycle used motor oil?



In the process of lubricating the parts in your car's engine, oil picks up fine metal particles from engine wear, dirt and dust from the air and by-products from the combustion of gasoline. However, these contaminants can be removed by recycling the used oil.

As a result of recycling and re-refining, used oil can be used over and over again without losing its lubricating quality.

In fact, nearly 14% of the motor oil sold is recycled and re-refined.

## Environmental impact

Improper dumping of used motor oil is also an enormous pollution problem. Oil dumped into storm sewers and landfills eventually finds its way into streams, rivers, lakes and bays contaminating wildlife habitats and drinking water supplies.

- Used motor oil may contain toxic substances such as lead, arsenic, benzene and cadmium.
- Used motor oil is hard to remove from wastewater treatment plants.
- Used motor oil also harms aquatic life by killing organisms that fish rely on as a food source.

One gallon of used oil can contaminate a million gallons of fresh water, which is a year's supply for 50 people.

In Indiana, if we recycled all used oil filters, we could recover 85,000 gallons of oil, 3,000 tons of steel and 1,000 tons of saturated filter media for waste-to-energy processes annually.

In addition to the environmental benefits, recycling our used oil lessens our dependence on crude oil imports.

Did you know that one gallon of used motor oil provides the same 2.5 quarts of lubricating oil as 42 gallons of crude oil?

It's someting to think about.

## Proper disposal method

- Drain the oil from your car carefully. Don't spill!
- 2. Don't forget the filter. Drain completely. Filters can hold up to one quart of oil.
- 3. Pour the used oil into a clean, sealable container, such as a plastic milk jug.
- 4. Take your used oil to the nearest Tox Drops collection site. Please call 327-4TOX (4869) for more information.

Note: Don't mix your used oil with other wastes like gasoline, antifreeze or paint. This will contaminate the oil, rendering it not recyclable.